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S1: INAUDIBLE. What do you call a person that makes business? She became an important person and one day she told me she wanted a San Simon. She brought me an invitation. I told her that one day she would get her San Simon. Just last night she INAUDIBLE. I don't know, but everyone believes what they want but there are people that believe in so many things. The San Simon that is here....oh tell him that one day I'm going to call him when a person comes in real sick and he'll see how that person walks out of this place. He can videotape this, he can take pictures, and then he can see the person. I'll take full responsibility.

One day a man that was very sick came in with about ten relatives. They were sisters, in laws, etc. "And no matter what", I said, "in the name of God and San Simon if you have faith then we can do this". (INAUDIBLE) I told them I could only allow his brother and his wife in the room. They stripped him to his underwear and we bathed him and cleansed him. At that moment he fell down backwards to the ground. A bunch of worms started coming out of his belly button. It was the kind of hairy worms that dead people have that feed on meat. After seeing him covered with all those worms, they started coming out through here. He was so covered in worms that he was white. He was trembling a lot. He kind of fell and he got right back up and his wife and I got scared. He fell and got right back up at the same moment. He asked what had happened and brushed off all the worms. He brushed the worms off himself and asked what was happening. INAUDIBLE. Then he asked what that rice was doing on the floor. There were worms everywhere. Then we helped him take off his clothes and we put some INAUDIBLE in it. That man was as happy as he could be.

This other time this young lady came in and she was about 20 years old. She had a bloated stomach like this big. When she came here her stomach started getting bigger and bigger and she begin going into convulsions. She opened up her legs like this as when women are ready to deliver a baby. On the force she made to bend down it went like this (made a sound). Guess what came out? A green toad! Right there in the patio. I also made another person deliver a baby frog. A little frog like this came shooting out. I want you to come one day to see for yourself the events rather than listening to them. I'll show you guys some day.

Some People don't believe me. But for example, in the hospitals there are people who are taken and told that they are missing a bone so they take another bone from a different part of your body. Then they tell you you are missing another bone and they leave you with deformities. That is not the solution. I cure with herbs. Above anything I cure with faith. I cure with faith, San Simon and myself and people feel better. I've cured cancer and leukemia.

One day they brought a child from Guatemala. He was about ten years old when he came. His family had stolen him from a hospital in Guatemala. The boy had a

INAUDIBLE here like this and a syringe inserted right over here. They took him out of the hospital and brought him quickly. Since his parents were coyotes, they tried to cross him over through Tijuana. The mom got caught and was sent back but the dad made it up and brought him to me. That child came here breathing hard like this. He didn't want to see anyone and he already had the idea of dying in his head. He walked in here looking green. I set up a table and someone begged me to cure him. Then I said, "In the name of God almighty and San Simon". I got a towel and I cleaned him off with it like this and I threw him some San Simon water. He had spent eight days without going to the bathroom. He had not spoken at all the whole time he was there and after I did this to him, he started talking. He said he didn't want to see anyone so I told everyone present to leave for a moment except for one person so he was held down and we covered INAUDIBLE and I bathed him quickly. He was completely naked. His breathing sounded a bit more normal and then he asked, "what happened?". I said "nothing, there was something wrong with you". Then he wanted to urinate so we gave him one of those milk gallons. He filled that up along with one and one-half liter bottle of soda.

That child walked in here practically dead. That kid came to me once and grabbed me and said "sir, sir, do you remember me?" "No" I said. Then he said, "you cured me!" Are you in school? I asked him. So he responded, "yes because you cured me, you don't remember me? I'm in school now I'm seven years old". "What's your name", I asked. "Jose brought me and he took me with a man with a hat". They took him to the hospital to finish getting rid of his ailment because it had already invaded his whole body. He told me that while he was there the evangelists tried praying over him. But the child said, "No. I don't want them to come because the man with the hat was the one that cured me". One of the Evangelists present asked sarcastically if it was Vicente Fernandez (popular Mexican singer that wears a hat) or his son that had cured him. The child was offended and said "come on, it was a man named Simon. He cured me. He wears a hat". "You're talking about a singer" the evangelist said. Then the boy replied, "No, he's over at a church and he was the one that cured me. He's a saint from Guatemala and he's right here with me". The boy could see him. He could see San Simon at his side. "Here he is and he cured me".

One day a woman from Tijuana came and this whole area was full of bruises and had a purple color. At the tip of her feet she had like this and like this. You could clearly see her tendons like this. One of her nieces brought her here. She was about 70 years old. Her whole body from here all the way down to her feet was all rotten and bruised. She had leprosy. For twelve years...

CH: The boy?

S1: The woman. Somewhere around here I have the paper and I'll show it to you. She came to three consultations and after that she felt better and her wounds healed. I didn't know about the tendons in this area but they are like strings because I cleaned them up. My brother tells me to wear gloves because I might get an infection. But I tell them that San Simon cures people and he doesn't wear gloves. He is not disgusted, he just heals and cleans people. These parts right here are like rope and they make your toes go like

this. Hers were rotten to the bone and now she eventually got better. I have her file around here, so I'll show it to you.

CH: Remember that book, that story that he told us of who San Simon was and how he came to be? well in that little book there's a story that explains how only good people see San Simon and that is a story that supposedly happened to a German man who came down and he was helping a lot of people. This man was just losing his hair in patches...

P: That's exactly the kind of stories we want, broader in perspective and get him to talk some more about San Simon. Try to get into the particular powers and rituals of San Simon. We should interview you here once, and once in your home.

S1: I am always happy with American people that don't reject my food. I like it when you are very open. I have many things to discover with your interviews. I would love to go to Guatemala with you guys. I would also like for you to visit me in my home. The other day I was a little nervous you wouldn't get here. I cure a lot of people. I am even on the internet and people from all over ask me things. Russians and French people e-mail me and ask me for my advice. Even models have asked for my help

CH: At what time should we meet you tomorrow?

S1: I am in my house at 8:30. But any time, I won't reject you. As long as you don't send me to jail and you use this information for something that won't affect me in a negative way. I am really glad you gave me those pictures. Everyone has told me to sell them or give them away, but I have kept them. I want him to know that he (Patrick) is the only one that I have trusted to that extent. I sometimes charge people for coming to interview me. But I don't charge you guys anything.

CH: So can we come to your house tomorrow at 10?

S1: Sure. At home I have the duende, San Simon, and the millionaire duende. I have a gold mine of things of history of medicines and I can help you with.

X: Your presence was pleasant and I just add that when you come and it's time to eat you are giving something back by accepting it so he was really glad that you accepted to eat.